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Letter from the Director:

As the Chinese School at Middlebury College enters its 33rd anniversary, we take great pleasure to present you with information on the life of the Chinese School at Middlebury College and our 1999 program.

With its long tradition of academic excellence, each summer the Chinese School offers students a unique, unparalleled opportunity to learn Chinese language and culture. In nine short weeks, with the support of a dedicated faculty and staff, a rigorous, well-implemented curriculum, and a speak-Chinese-only total-immersion learning environment, and a low student-teacher ratio, our students make unimaginable progress. At the end of each summer, comparisons of entrance and exit speaking and reading proficiency test results lend clear credibility to this claim. We have built into our curriculum an active assessment component which monitors and measures students' progress. Our team effort ensures that students receive individual attention and continuous feedback. We also make sure that our students understand and carry out their responsibility to learn. Both teachers and students work diligently as coaches and learners, respectively, toward the same goal—to ensure that our students' ability to understand, speak, read and write Mandarin Chinese improves dramatically day by day throughout the summer.

Life in the Chinese School is guided by, but not limited to, this goal. Every summer, we provide a wide range of cultural, interactive, and other types of activities. Playing on and cheering for our soccer team as it competes against the other language schools, for example, engenders camaraderie among students and faculty. Movies, lectures, concerts, and art exhibits provide numerous avenues for gaining access to the Chinese culture. Picnics, hikes, cooking activities, mini-olympics, or simply hanging out with teachers and fellow classmates give us opportunities to relax and make acquaintances which often

lead to life-long friendships. Living the Middlebury Chinese School experience drives both the students and the faculty to discover strength and resolve previously unrealized. It also brings them a profound sense of joy and satisfaction as they taste the fruit of their effort at the end of the program.

The Chinese School at Middlebury College does not just offer a first-rate language learning program. It offers a life experience that each student and teacher will always look upon with fondness, pride, and a deep sense of accomplishment long after leaving Middlebury.

I thank you for taking the time to learn about our program. I hope that you will find the information in this bulletin interesting, and that you will get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

T. Richard Chi
Director

The Chinese School

The Chinese School offers a nine-week intensive program each summer with courses in modern Mandarin at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels I and II, and one course in beginning Classical Chinese. These courses are designed to help learners develop and improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The curriculum at all levels also aims at helping learners acquire and expand their knowledge of Chinese culture.

Total Immersion - In the context of complete immersion in an intensive Chinese language environment, students will have ample opportunities to develop and improve their ability to communicate in both spoken and written Chinese. Teachers and students adhere to a strict "Chinese Only" language pledge. Students will be exposed to texts prepared in both traditional and simplified characters as well as to a variety of vocabulary and usages current in both mainland China and in Taiwan. Language learning activities, to be conducted both in and outside of class, include various types of drills and simulations of real life situations requiring the use of spoken and written Chinese. These exercises, which emphasize the development of good language learning strategies, also seek to help students become more resourceful learners and successful users of Mandarin Chinese.

Intensive - Due to the extremely high level of intensity of this program, students should not have any other obligations during the nine-week session. They should anticipate devoting a great deal of time to studying in addition to their scheduled four hours of classes Monday through Friday. It is not advisable for students to plan to spend weekends away from Middlebury. For relaxation and additional opportunities to learn the language and the culture, students will participate in and attend many co-curricular activities such as movies, lectures, picnics, sports, calligraphy, painting, Tai-Chi, Chinese chess, drama, singing, poetry recitation, cooking, and radio broadcasting.

Rigorous Assessment - Students (other than beginners) will take entrance proficiency tests on their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills for placement purposes. Upon completion of the program, they will take exit proficiency tests to determine progress made during the summer. Throughout the course, students will be rigorously assessed. Their progress will be carefully monitored and discussed with them.

Low Faculty-Student Ratio - The average faculty-student ratio in the Chinese School is approximately one to six. The faculty is recruited upon the basis of excellence in teaching Chinese as a foreign language. Most of the faculty members grew up in China or in Taiwan, with the exception of one or two non-native instructors who have near-native proficiency in Chinese. All the teachers and students live together in the Chinese language dormitories and also take their meals together in the Chinese language dining hall, thus allowing the faculty and Chinese-speaking staff to interact with the students in Chinese on a daily basis.

Credit

Credit is defined in terms of units. One unit equals three semester hours. The course of study offered during the nine-week session of the Chinese School awards four units (twelve semester hours) of undergraduate credit.

For transfer purposes, the student's home institution determines how many graduate or undergraduate credits will be granted for the summer's work at Middlebury.

All credits expire after ten years. The Middlebury College Language Schools do not calculate grade point average or class rank.

Financial Aid

Middlebury College offers financial assistance to a substantial percentage of students attending the summer Language Schools, including the Chinese School. A financial aid information packet, including an application and instructions, accompanies the promotional material published by the Language Schools each year.

Scholarships

The following scholarships have been established in honor of faculty of the Chinese School: The Ta-Tuan Ch'en Scholarship and The Feng Ming-Hui Scholarship.

Candidates for financial aid need not apply for a specific scholarship. All applicants will automatically be considered for an award from an appropriate scholarship listed above or from the general grant fund.

Enrollment

Upon acceptance, all students must pay a non-refundable $200 enrollment deposit to be applied to the tuition charges.

Application and Admission

Application materials for the 2000 summer session will be available in the Fall of 1999 from:

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Administration, Faculty, and Staff

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Administrative Staff

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Courses

101-102-103-104 Beginning Chinese (Level I)
Zhang and staff

This course is designed to help students develop functional language ability in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese in order to meet the basic needs in their personal and academic lives requiring the use of Chinese.

Activities designed for the course include intensive drills on sounds and tones, vocabulary, grammatical constructions, and traditional and simplified characters in meaningful contexts. There is extensive practice in using Chinese in culturally authentic situations. Both pedagogically prepared texts and authentic materials, including a wide variety of realia, will be used in this course.

Required Texts:
T. Richard Chi, *Beginning Mandarin Chinese: The Textbook,* forthcoming, Cheng & Tsui Company.
T. Richard Chi, *Beginning Mandarin Chinese: The Workbook,* forthcoming, Cheng & Tsui Company.
Required Dictionary:
Concise English-Chinese Chinese-English Dictionary,: Commercial Press.

201-202-203-204 Intermediate Chinese (Level II) Liu and staff

This course is designed for students who have successfully completed a rigorous one-year college course in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese, or its equivalent. While many of the linguistic tasks students will learn to handle are similar to those of Level I, the level of language required to carry out these tasks is more advanced. In this course, students will be required to comprehend and produce paragraph-level Chinese.

Rigorous practice of spoken and written Chinese in complex communicative activities will be complemented by intensive drills to fine-tune pronunciation, expand vocabulary, and internalize

more complex grammatical constructions. Students will also do intensive reading of expository writings on a variety of cultural topics. This course is conducted in Mandarin Chinese.

Required texts:

T. Richard Chi, *Intermediate Mandarin Chinese: The Textbook*; forthcoming, Cheng & Tsui Company.

T. Richard Chi, *Intermediate Mandarin Chinese: The Workbook*, forthcoming, Cheng & Tsui Company.

Required Dictionaries:

Ding, G., Ed., *A New English-Chinese Dictionary*, University of Washington Press.

Ding, G., Ed., *A New Chinese-English Dictionary*, University of Washington Press.

301-302-303-304 Advanced Chinese I (Level III) Cui and staff

Designed for students who have completed two years of college-level training in Chinese, this course aims at helping students solidify their ability to comprehend and produce paragraph-level Chinese. It seeks to enable students to understand face-to-face conversations as well as to comprehend both spoken and written Chinese in formal *shumianyu* Chinese on most familiar topics, give factual accounts, and write various types of correspondence, simple essays and reports. Authentic materials, including newspaper reports and radio and TV broadcasts, will be used in this course. The course is conducted entirely in Mandarin Chinese.

Required texts:

Bai, J., et al, *Beyond Basics* , Cheng & Tsui Company.

Teng, S. and Perry, *Taiwan Today*, Cheng & Tsui Company.

Liu, I. and Li, X., *A Chinese Text for a Changing China*, Cheng & Tsui Company.

Ling, V., *Under the Bridge: A Study Guide for the Film*, Cheng and Tsui Company.

Recommended Dictionaries:

Ding, G., Ed., *A New English-Chinese Dictionary*, University of Washington Press.

Ding, G., Ed., *A New Chinese-English Dictionary*, University of Washington Press.

401-402-403-404 Advanced Chinese II (Level IV) Feng and staff

This course is designed to help students comprehend and produce discourse-level Chinese characterized by factual as well as abstract elaboration on most familiar and some unfamiliar topics. Authentic materials are used exclusively, and the course is conducted in Mandarin Chinese. It is designed for students who have completed three years of training in all four skills.

In this course, students will read rigorously both literary and non-literary texts written in advanced *shumianyu* language on a wide range of topic areas related to current events, social sciences, history and literature. Students will be required to write extensively in the expository style, Their written work will be corrected and discussed in individual sessions.

Required texts:

Ling, V., ed., *The Independent Reader,* IUP-Taipei.

Recommended Dictionaries:

Ding, G., Ed., *A New English-Chinese Dictionary,* University of Washington Press.

Ding, G., Ed., *A New Chinese-English Dictionary,* University of Washington Press.

501-502-503-504 Classical Chinese (Level V) Chiang and staff

This course, conducted entirely in modern Mandarin, is an introduction to classical Chinese. It is designed for students with no previous training in the classical language but with a minimum of three years of training in modern Mandarin. While the focus of the course is on training students to read classical Chinese, the method of instruction serves simultaneously to enhance proficiency in the vernacular. Comparisons will be made between classical Chinese and modern Mandarin in the areas of lexicon, syntax, semantics, and cultural context. Materials to be covered in this course are selected from the vast store of classical texts, ranging from the Analects of Confucius to 19th century court documents. All lessons will be accompanied by

audio tapes placed in the language laboratory.
Required Texts:
Language of the Dragon: A Classical Chinese Reader, Cheng & Tsui Co.
Reader on Four Books, San-min Book Company.
Recommended Dictionaries:
Xiandai Hanyu Cidian, Commercial Press.

Cultural Activities

Each summer, the Chinese School offers a wide variety of lectures, films and performances to provide a cultural as well as linguistic immersion.

In addition to their regular classwork, students are offered opportunities to participate classes relating to Chinese culture. These classes meet in the afternoons once a week for an hour. The classes are determined by student interest. In the 1998 summer session, classes were offered in: Calligraphy, Folk Singing, Tai Chi, Regional Cooking, and Radio Broadcast.

The Language Pledge

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The Language Pledge, a formal commitment to speak the language of study as the only means of communication for the entire session, is required of all summer language students. Students who are beginning their study of a language take a modified and progressively more rigorous pledge. The Language Pledge plays a major role in the success of the program, both as a symbol of commitment and as an essential part of the language learning process.

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Accreditation: Middlebury College is accredited by the Vermont State Department of Education, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which accredits schools and colleges in the six New England states. Membership in one of the six regional accrediting associations in the United States indicates that the school or college has been carefully evaluated and found to meet standards agreed upon by qualified educators.

Middlebury complies with VSA, Title 16, Statute 176, section I (c) (1) (C), which states that "credits earned in [student's current institution] are transferable only at the discretion of the receiving school."